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AMENDMENTS

In the Claims

Please amend claims 1, 6, and 11 as indicated below. All claims are set forth for the Examiner's convenience.

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1. (Amended) A hypermedia browser embodied on a computer-readable medium for execution on an information processing device having a limited display area, wherein the hypermedia browser has a content viewing area and is configured to display a temporary graphic element over the content viewing area during times when the browser is loading content, wherein the temporary